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SUBJ: WORLD RESOURCES, INC.

1. PERSONAL ADVISER TO PRESIDENT BONGO CALLED AT EMBASSY FEBRUARY 4 REGARDING LETTER RECEIVED BY BONGO FROM DAVID BROWN, PRESIDENT OF SUBJECT FIRM, AT 565 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK.

2. IN LETTER, BROWN PROPOSES VISIT GABON TO PRESENT PERSONALLY TO PRESIDENT PROPOSAL FOR LARGE-SCALE CATTLE RAISING SCHEME, INCORPORATING TRAINING PROGRAM FOR GABONESE AND GUARANTEE OF EXPORT MARKET FOR PRODUCTION IN EXCESS OF LOCAL NEEDS. LETTER ALSO EXPRESSES INTEREST IN CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND IN DEVELOPMENT OF GABONESE MINERAL RESOURCES.

E. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER UNDERSTANDABLY CURIOUS ABOUT BONA FIDES OF FIRM WHICH MAKES SUCH SWEEPING PROPOSALS, AND HAS ASKED US FOR ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN THIS REGARD. HE EXPRESSED HOPE INITIAL REPORT COULD BE AVAILABLE BEFORE END THIS WEEK AS PRESIDENT WILL LEAVE AT WEEKEND FOR TWO-WEEK VACATION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY WHATEVER INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON SUBJECT FIRM. IF COMPLETE REPORT LIKELY INVOLVE SOME DELAY, WOULD APPRECIATE PRELIMINARY READING THAT WE CAN PRESENT TO PRESIDENCY
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